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Mr. Thomas Skinner Regional Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region V 77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, IL 60604-3950

March30, 2006

Re:

Request to Parallel Process the Draft Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan for Elkhart and St. Joseph counties, Indiana

Dear Mr. Skinner:

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has prepared a Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan for Elkhart and St. Joseph counties, Indiana, attached hereto, in reference to the 8-hour air quality standard for ozone. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) hereby requests the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) to parallel process this draft submittal.

This attached document consists of the following:

Draft Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan

- This document requests that Elkhart and St. Joseph counties be redesignated to attainment and classified as maintenance. It contains and meets the requirements set forth in Section 107 of the Clean Air Act and in the US EPA Redesignation Guidance issued September 4, 1992.
- The plan considers a maintenance horizon of 2020 and analyzes 2010 as an interim year.
- The appendices contain historic trend data, projected emission inventory data and thorough documentation of the mobile emissions analysis.

T. Skinner

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Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets

• Contained in the Maintenance Plan is a new Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget for 2020. The Michiana Area Council of Government's (MACOG) travel-demand model and MOBILE6.2 were used to determine mobile source emissions for the area.

These draft documents are available for public review and IDEM is accepting comments through May 3, 2006. A public hearing concerning the draft petition is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Thursday, April 27, 2006, in the St. Joseph County Public Library, Humphreys Room, 304 South Main Street, South Bend, Indiana. IDEM intends to submit the final draft to the US EPA by the end of May 2006.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Laurence Brown, Air Programs Branch at (317)234-3097.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Easterly

Attachments

cc: Pat Morris, US EPA (w/enclosures)

Ed Doty, US EPA (w/enclosures)

Jay Bortzer, US EPA (no enclosures)

John Mooney, US EPA (w/enclosures)

Steve Rosenthal, US EPA (w/enclosures)

Sandra Seanor, Michiana Area Council of Government (no enclosure)

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Mr. Bharat Mathur Acting Regional Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region V 77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, IL 60604-3950

July15. 2005

Re:

Request to Parallel Process the Draft Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan for Greene County, Indiana

Dear Mr. Mathur:

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has prepared a Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan for Greene County, Indiana, in reference to the 8hour air quality standard for ozone, attached hereto. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) hereby requests the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) to parallel process this draft submittal.

This attached document consists of the following:

Draft Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan

- This document requests that the Greene County nonattainment area be redesignated to attainment and classified as maintenance. It contains and meets the requirements set forth in Section 107 of the Clean Air Act and in the US EPA Redesignation Guidance issued September 4, 1992.
- The plan considers a maintenance horizon of 2015 and analyzes 2010 as an interim year.
- The appendices contain historic trend data, projected emission inventory data and thorough documentation of the mobile emissions analysis.

B. Mathur

July 15, 2005

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Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets

• Contained in the Maintenance Plan is a Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget for 2015. Transportation data gathered and provided by the Indiana Department of Transportation and MOBILE6 were used to determine mobile source emissions for the area.

These draft documents are available for public review and IDEM is accepting comments through August 19, 2005. A public hearing concerning the draft is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Monday, August 15, 2005, in the East Shelter House, Humphreys Park, Linton, Indiana. IDEM intends to submit the final draft to the US EPA by September 1, 2005.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Gale Ferris, Air Programs Branch at (317)234-3653.

Thomas W. Easterly

Commissioner

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